

Fund," to change the procedure under the Unsatisfied Claim and Judgment Fund law for claims against uninsured motorists who cannot be located; to make the Board the statutory agent of the motorist for service of process and to subject these claims to the provisions of the Unsatisfied Fund law.

The President put the question: Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The President announced the veto was sustained by roll call as follows:

Affirmative		
Senator—		
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Senators—		
Mr. President, Anderson, Azrael, Bailey, Bertier, Bertorelli, Bishop, Brubaker, Byron, Clark, Connolly, Cook, Conroy, Crawford, Curran, Dean, Emanuel, Finney, Friedler, Gore, Hall, Hart, Hodges, Hoyer, Hughes, H., Lapidus, Malkus, McGuirk, Nock, Pine, Schweinhaut, Smelser, Snyder, Staszak, Staten, Steffey, Steinberg, Stone, Welcome, Wineland.		Total—40

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

May 28, 1969.

Honorable William S. James
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 285 and am returning it to you.

This Bill repeals in its entirety Article 59 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and enacts a new Article 59 to stand in its place, thereby completely revising the Mental Hygiene laws of the State. The Bill is a product of a great deal of study and work, and I fully indorse its objectives.

However, through what was undoubtedly oversight, the Bill as drafted repeals the provisions in the existing law for direct commitments of mentally ill persons to Veterans Administration Hospitals and fails to enact new provisions for direct commitments to such hospitals. The Veterans Administration has written to me, delineating the problems which this Bill will create and requesting that I veto it. For the reasons given in the attached letter from the Veterans Administration, which is to be considered a part of this message, I believe that Senate Bill 285 must be vetoed.

Since the Bill for the most part does represent a desirable revision of Article 59, I strongly urge that it be modified to take care of the problem of direct commitments to Veterans Administration Hospitals and, as so modified, be enacted at the 1970 session of the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

/s/ Marvin Mandel,

Governor.

Which was read.